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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

NORIYUKI ODA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/787,654

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: **HUMAN-POWERED DRIVING  
MECHANISM**  
(As Amended)

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: Examiner: M. Luby

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**SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

**MATCH & RETURN**

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance dated August 5, 2002, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in the above-identified application. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing the application. Applicant notes, however, that the Notice of Allowance incorrectly indicates "NO" under the "SMALL ENTITY" status category listed in the Notice of Allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that he *does* qualify as an independent inventor for purposes of paying reduced, small entity fees, as evidenced by the attached Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, executed by Applicant, and the fact that reduced fees, including the basic national filing fee, have been paid

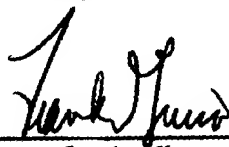
throughout the prosecution of this application (see, e.g., 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3)), owing to Applicant's small entity status. Also, the subject matter of the present application has not, to date, been assigned to any entity which does not qualify as a small entity.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing facts, and Applicant's status as a small entity, issuance of a corrected Notice of Allowance, indicating "Yes" under the "SMALL ENTITY" status category, is respectfully requested to clarify for the record that Applicant qualifies as a small entity.

It is believed that no fee is required in association with this Submission. However, if a fee is deemed required, please charge any such fee to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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